

PHILIPPIANS...PART XXVI

“Obedience brings blessings”

Reference: **Philippians 4:14-23**

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There is a strategic promise from God, starting at **verse fourteen** and going through **verse nineteen** that relates to our personal economic struggles and needs.

Notice three things about this particular promise...

ONE...God has promised to meet our needs, but on a _____

- Unconditional promises are promises God has given us _____ us having to meet any prior conditions.
- Conditional promises are promises that are ours ____ we meet certain prescribed conditions.

Paul said because these congregants at Philippi had been obedient to God and faithful in contributing financial aid in order to meet Paul's basic _____, God would then, in turn, be faithful to give something back to them in order to meet their basic _____.

The principle that is found through scripture is that those that are obedient and faithful and generous givers will be blessed.

Reference: **Proverb 11:25**, “The **generous soul** will be made rich, and **he who waters** will also be watered himself.”

Reference: **Proverbs 22:9**, “He who has a **generous eye** will be blessed...for **he gives** of his bread to the poor.”

Reference: **Matthew 6:33**, “But **seek first the kingdom of God** and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”

TWO...God has promised to meet our needs, not our _____

Re-read **verse sixteen**, “For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once and again for my **necessities**.”

THREE... God has promised to meet our needs, according to His _____

Consider all the riches God has:

Reference: **Haggai 2:8**, “The silver is **Mine**, and the gold is **Mine**, says the Lord of hosts.”

Reference: **I Chronicles 29:14**, “...For all things come from **You**, and of **Your** own we have given **You**.”

Reference: **Psalms 50:10**, “For every beast of the forest is **Mine**, and the cattle on a thousand hills.”

Reference: **Leviticus 25:23**, “...for the land is **Mine**; for you are strangers and sojourners with Me.”

Reference: **Ezekiel 18:4**, “Behold, all souls are **Mine**; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is **Mine**; the soul who sins shall die.”

Reference: **Psalms 24:1**, “The earth is the **Lord's**, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein.”

Please notice that God does not give to us *out of* His riches but God gives to us *according to* His riches...and that's a significant difference.